Amendment to the Specification

Paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1, has been amended as follows:

-- ~~Expression vectors transfected into prokaryotic host cells generally comprise~~ one or more phenotypic selectable markers such as, for example, a gene encoding proteins that confer antibiotic resistance or that supplies an ~~autotrophic~~ auxotrophic requirement, and an origin of replication recognized by the host to ensure amplification within the host. Other useful expression vectors for prokaryotic host cells include a selectable marker of bacterial origin derived from commercially available plasmids. This selectable marker can comprise genetic elements of the cloning vector pBR322 (ATCC 37017). Briefly, pBR322 contains genes for ampicillin and tetracycline resistance and thus provides simple means for identifying transformed cells. The pBR322 "backbone" sections are combined with an appropriate promoter and a mammalian ETF structural gene sequence. Other commercially available vectors include, for example, pKK223-3 (Pharmacia Fine Chemicals, Uppsala, Sweden), pQE30 (6xHis-tag expression vector), and pGEM1 (Promega Biotec, Madison, WI, USA). --